

Proposed Bill No. 5476

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: REP. WRIGHT E., 41st Dist. SEN. MAYNARD, 18th Dist. REP. URBAN, 43rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPEED OF VESSELS IN THE MYSTIC RIVER, WILLIAMS COVE, BEEBE COVE, WEST COVE AND PALMER COVE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 15-16 of the general statutes be amended to provide 2 that if any vessel, wholly or partly propelled by power, moves at a 3 greater rate of speed than six miles per hour in the waters of the Mystic 4 River, Williams Cove, Beebe Cove, West Cove and Palmer Cove; 5 northerly of a line from the southern end of Masons Island, Masons 6 Point, to the northern end of Ram Island and a line from the 7 southwestern point of Ram Island to the southern end of Mouse Island 8 and the extension of this line to the east shore of Groton Long Point, 9 the person in command of any such vessel shall forfeit one hundred 10 dollars to the state, and shall also be liable to pay threefold damages to 11 any person whose property is injured in consequence of such violation.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for better enforcement of vessel speed and ensure safety of marine operation in the Mystic River area.